



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE Policies and Procedures

Policies

The Community Empowerment Committee (CEC) shall inform and empower the community, and particularly individuals with HIV disease, to become involved in the decision making of HIV policies and processes, quality assurance programs and grievance procedures with Broward County.

The Committee shall actively recruit and encourage the public, and particularly people with HIV disease, to take a more active role in the decision making process of the Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council (Council).

The Committee shall provide a forum for the discussion of Council agenda items and items of concern. This will provide an opportunity to gain a better understanding of issues.

The Committee will develop policies to encourage participation of consumers in Council activities.

Procedures

The Committee will utilize available resources to promote and market Council activities and events.

By utilizing the resources, the Committee will host community outreach meetings and community events as outlined in the annual work plan.

The Committee will also collaborate with various community partners to host outreach events and activities to enhance their presence in the community.

The Committee will review, and provide a consumer perspective to the Council on policies, processes, and documents.

Membership

Prospective members of the CEC shall complete a Standing Committee application to be returned to Planning Council Staff or the Committee Chair. Council Committee Chairs shall appoint, with the approval of the Council, the members of each committee. Committee membership should reflect the demographics of the local epidemic and consideration shall be given to race, ethnicity, self-acknowledged HIV-positivity, and gender.

Membership should include Ryan White consumers, community stakeholders and individuals infected and affected by the disease to ensure that diverse consumer input and participation are included in all Planning Council and committee activities.